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Serial No.: **09/721,628**

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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached. These documents were cited in a Search Report for a corresponding European application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

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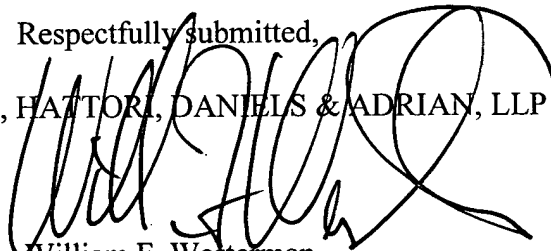
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1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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